

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3575–3604; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 485–486, 488–489, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 487, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1633) to establish a temporary prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse particulate matter, to limit Federal regulation of nuisance dust in areas in which such dust is regulated under State, tribal, or local law, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–317).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Latta to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Roger Schoolcraft, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012—

Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

Pages H8203–04

Agreed to the Dicks motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 894.

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The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Rogers (KY), Young (FL), Lewis (CA), Frelinghuysen, Aderholt, Emerson, Granger, Simpson, Culberson, Crenshaw, Rehberg, Carter, Dicks, Visclosky, Lowey, Serrano, DeLauro, Moran, Price (NC), and Bishop (GA).

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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to pre-

scribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

Pages H8204–07

Agreed to the Smith (WA) motion to instruct conferees by a recorded vote of 421 yeas to 2 noes, Roll No. 892.

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Agreed to the McKeon motion to close portions of the conference by a yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 17 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 893.

Pages H8207–08

The Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives McKeon, Bartlett, Thornberry, Akin, Forbes, Miller (FL), LoBiondo, Turner (OH), Kline, Rogers (AL), Shuster, Conaway, Wittman, Hunter, Rooney, Schilling, Griffin (AR), West, Smith (WA), Reyes, Loretta Sanchez (CA), McIntyre, Andrews, Davis (CA), Langevin, Larsen (WA), Cooper, Bordallo, Courtney, Loeb sack, Tsongas and Pingree (ME).

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From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Representatives Rogers (MI), Myrick and Ruppberger.

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From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 548 and 572 of the House bill, and secs. 572 and 573 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Petri, Heck and George Miller (CA).

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From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 911, 1099A, 2852 and 3114 of the House bill, and sec. 1089 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Upton, Walden and Waxman.

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From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sec. 645 of the House bill, and sec. 1245 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bachus, Capito and Ackerman.

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From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 1013, 1014, 1055, 1056, 1086, 1092, 1202, 1204, 1205, 1211, 1214, 1216, 1218, 1219, 1226, 1228–1230, 1237, 1301, 1303, 1532, 1533 and 3112 of the House bill, and secs. 159, 1012, 1031, 1033, 1046, 1201, 1203, 1204, 1206–1209, 1221–1225, 1228, 1230, 1245, title XIII and sec. 1609 of the Senate amendment, and

modifications committed to conference: Representatives Ros-Lehtinen, Chabot and Berman.

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From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sec. 1099H of the House bill, and sec. 1092 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Daniel Lungren (CA), Miller (MI) and Thompson (MI).

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From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 531 of subtitle D of title V, 573, 843 and 2804 of the House bill, and secs. 553 and 848 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith (TX), Coble and Conyers.

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From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 313, 601 and 1097 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hastings (WA), Bishop (UT) and Markey.

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From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 598, 662, 803, 813, 844, 847, 849, 937–939, 1081, 1091, 1101–1111, 1116 and 2813 of the House bill, and secs. 827, 845, 1044, 1102–1107 and 2812 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Ross (FL), Lankford and Cummings.

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From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of secs. 911 and 1098 of the House bill, and secs. 885, 911, 912 and Division E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hall, Quayle and Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX).

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From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sec. 804 of the House bill, and secs. 885–887 and Division E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Graves (MO), Ellmers and Velázquez.

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From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 314, 366, 601, 1098 and 2814 of the House bill, and secs. 262, 313, 315, 1045, 1088 and 3301 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Mica, Cravaack and Bishop (NY).

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From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 551, 573, 705, 731 and 1099C of the House bill, and secs. 631 and 1093 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bilirakis, Buerkle and Brown (FL).

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From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of secs. 704, 1099A and 1225 of the House bill, and sec. 848 of the Senate amendment,

and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Camp, Herger and Levin. **Pages H8208–09**

Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 10, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 901.

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Rejected the DeLauro motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 900.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Rules now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–311, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Sessions amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that requires the agency submitting the report on a proposed Federal rule to include an assessment, as part of the cost-benefit analysis submitted to the Comptroller General and each House of Congress, of anticipated jobs gained or lost as a result of implementation, and to specify whether those jobs will come from the public or private sector.

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Rejected:

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that sought to exempt any rule that the Office of Management and Budget determines would result in net job creation (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 895);

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Schrader amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that sought to require a cost benefit analysis to be included with reports to Congress and require agencies to submit criteria for cost benefit analyses to Congress within 12 months of enactment (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 896);

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McCarthy (NY) amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that sought to exempt any rule relating to food safety, workplace safety, air quality, consumer product safety, or water quality (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 897);

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Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that sought to exempt

all rules promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 898); and **Pages H8229–30, H8234**

Moore amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that sought to exempt any rule relating to veterans or veterans affairs (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 899).

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Withdrawn:

McKinley amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced the annual effect on the economy of the term “major rule” from \$100,000,000 or more to \$50,000,000 or more.

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H. Res. 479, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, December 6th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 486, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011: H.R. 1254, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, December 5th:

Eliminating an unused lighthouse reservation: H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands;

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Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act: S. 535, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument;

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Providing for Our Workforce and Energy Resources Act: H.R. 2360, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and sup-

port of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas;

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North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act: H.R. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area;

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Amending the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act: H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe;

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Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act: S. 683, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah; and

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Authorizing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 470: S. Con. Res. 32, to authorize the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 470, an Act to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8206–07, H8207–08, H8208, H8232, H8232–33, H8233–34, H8234, H8234–35, H8236–37, and H8237. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a business meeting for the purpose of authorizing and issuing a subpoena ad testificandum for the appearance of Jon Corzine in conjunction with the hearing scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2011. The subpoena was authorized.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “H.R. _____, the Private Mortgage Market Investment Act, Part 2.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.